

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/014970

**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically: Claims
  
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The special technical feature of the inventions (a first group of inventions) as claimed in Claims 1-8, 10 and 12-24 is in that "in a developing roller provided with a cylindrical metal base body, and a metal flange press-fitted in the opening end of the cylindrical metal base body, a cutting operation for a predetermined uneven shape is applied to a fit section." On the other hand, the special technical feature of the inventions (a second group of inventions) as claimed in Claims 9 and 11 is in that "in a developing roller provided with a cylindrical metal base body, the metal base body has a particular composition."

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

**Remark on Protest**

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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It is obvious that the special technical feature of the first group of inventions is not the same as that of the second group of inventions. Further, it is not deemed that the special technical feature of the first group of inventions corresponds to that of the second group of inventions. Therefore, it is not deemed that the first and second groups of inventions are so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.